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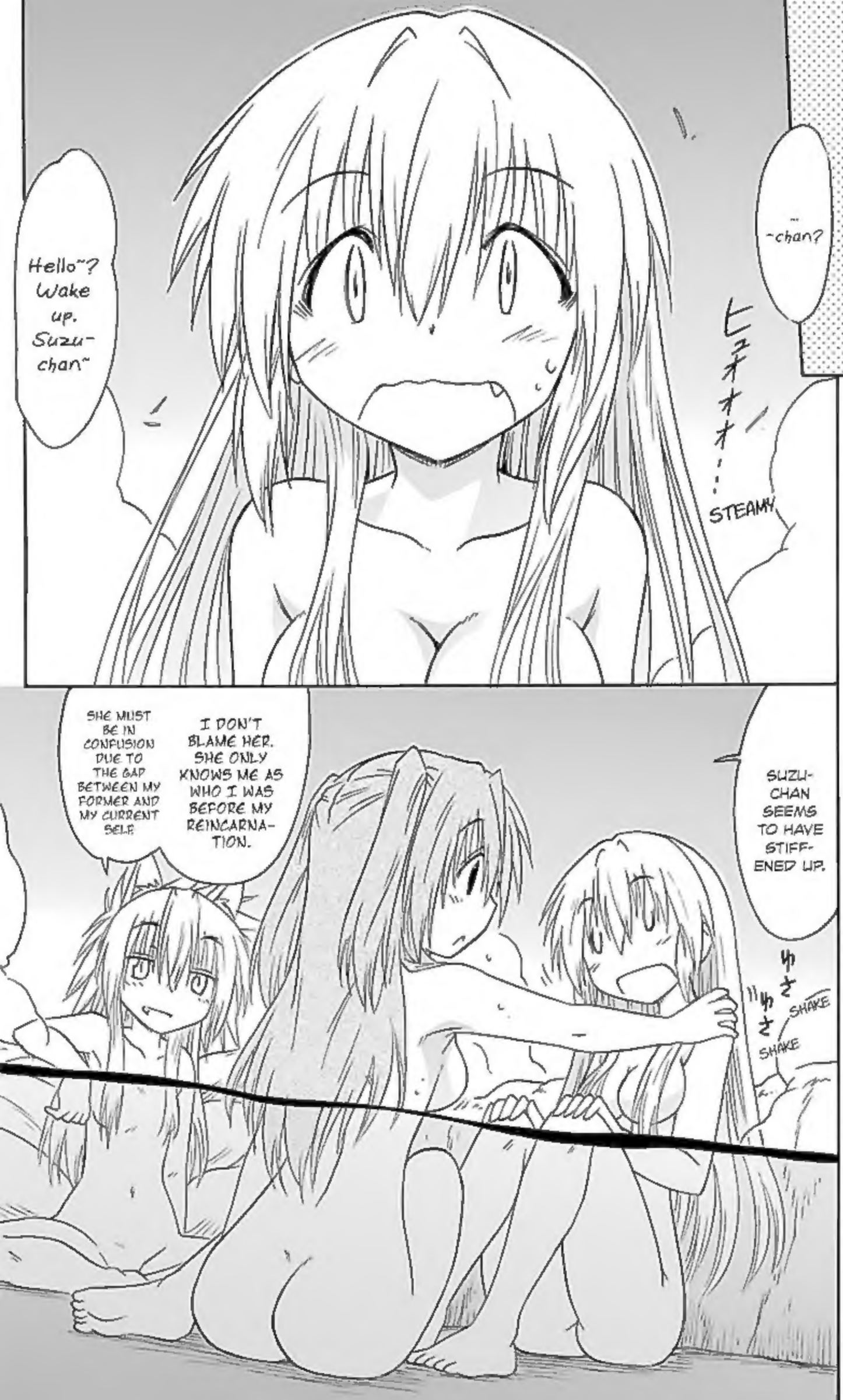
Chapter 150: Playing Around

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ARE TRYING TO LEARN MARTIAL ARTS.
WHAT? SO YOU MADE HIM CRY AGAIN?
? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M PLANTING A TREE.
RUFFLE
ボス
WHAT TREE IS IT -NYA?
WOW
THIS IS A CHERRY BLOSSOM. ORIGINALLY, I WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING IT FROM JAPAN TO EUROPE.
SINCE THIS WAS AN EXTRA ONE FROM THAT, I FELT THAT EVERYONE WOULD ENJOY SEEING A CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE HERE ON THE ISLAND.

I'VE ALSO PLANTED SOME IN THE OTHER FORESTS... BUT IT SEEMS THE NORTH HERE HAS THE CLOSEST CLIMATE TO JAPAN'S
IF IT ENDS UP GROWING WELL, IT WILL BLOSSOM BEAUTIFULLY, WITH LOTS OF FLOWERS.
AAH, I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT -NYA.
BUT, THE OTHER NORTHERNERS HERE MAY DESTROY IT MALICIOUSLY.
HEH, WE'VE ALREADY PLANTED IT.
WHAT?
THUS, YOU ARE GOING TO PROTECT THIS TREE FROM TODAY ON.
I look forward to the cherry blossoms, ♡
ニヤリ
WEST VILLAGE HEAD
EEH!?

STRESSED
SERIOUSLY... I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT BECAUSE OF OKOTO-SAN... NO, I DID BECOME STRONG BECAUSE OF HER...
TO KNOW THAT OBABA WAS BOTH OF YOUR MENTORS... NO WONDER WHY YOU TWO COULDN'T DO MUCH.
CER-TAINLY -NYA
I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY YOU'VE BEEN SO PROTECTIVE OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE. SO THAT WAS THE REASON WHY ♡
HE'S BEEN FOLLOWING UP ON OKOTO-SAN'S REQUEST FOR THE LONGEST TIME.
Sh-shut up!!
WELL, THAT ASIDE, WHAT I'M MORE SURPRISED ABOUT IS HOW THAT LIL' GIRL IS OBABA.
Oops, he said it -nya
I WONDER IF YOU TWO COULD INFORM ME, SINCE I AM THE LORD OF THE WEST.

THIS IS REALLY BOTHER-SOME...
PU?
AAH, GOODNESS... I WAS ALREADY TIRED FROM LAST NIGHT, YET I GOTTA MOVE AROUND MORE...
I'm coming to save you two!!
Wait for me, Suzu! Misaki!!
PAT PAT
DASH
That med must still be affecting me!!
PU?
No no! What do you mean by bother-some, when it comes to saving those two!?
BANG
BANG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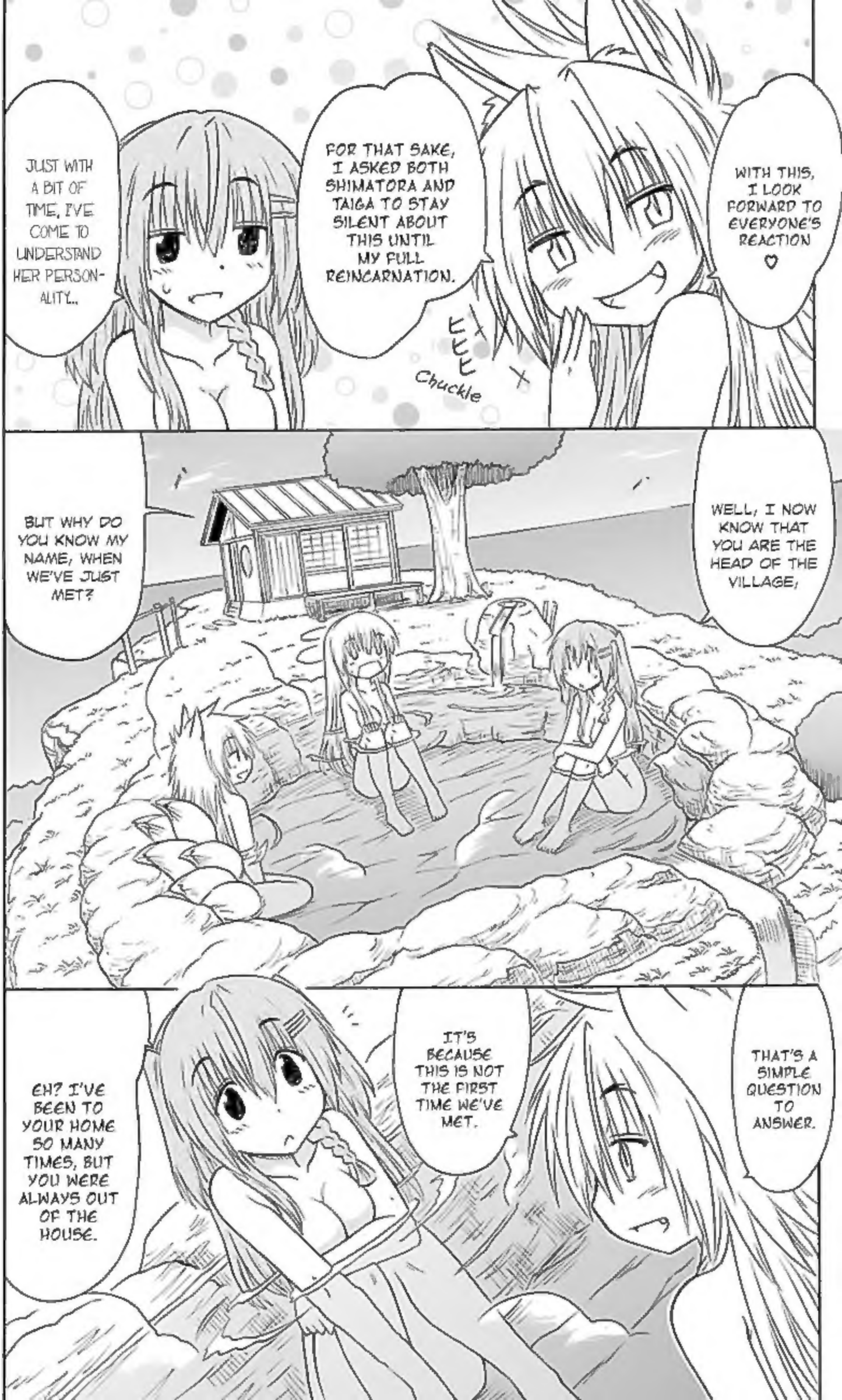
-chan?
ヒョオオオ…
STEAMY
Hello~? Wake up. Suzu-chan~
SUZU-CHAN SEEMS TO HAVE STIFF-ENED UP.
ゆさ
ゆさ
SHAKE
SHAKE
I DON'T BLAME HER. SHE ONLY KNOWS ME AS WHO I WAS BEFORE MY REINCARNA-TION.
SHE MUST BE IN CONFUSION DUE TO THE GAP BETWEEN MY FORMER AND MY CURRENT SELF.


JUST WITH A BIT OF TIME, I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND HER PERSONALITY...
FOR THAT SAKE, I ASKED BOTH SHIMATORA AND TAIGA TO STAY SILENT ABOUT THIS UNTIL MY FULL REINCARNATION.
Chuckle
WITH THIS, I LOOK FORWARD TO EVERYONE'S REACTION ♡
BUT WHY DO YOU KNOW MY NAME, WHEN WE'VE JUST MET?
WELL, I NOW KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE HEAD OF THE VILLAGE,
EH? I'VE BEEN TO YOUR HOME SO MANY TIMES, BUT YOU WERE ALWAYS OUT OF THE HOUSE.
IT'S BECAUSE THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET.
THAT'S A SIMPLE QUESTION TO ANSWER.

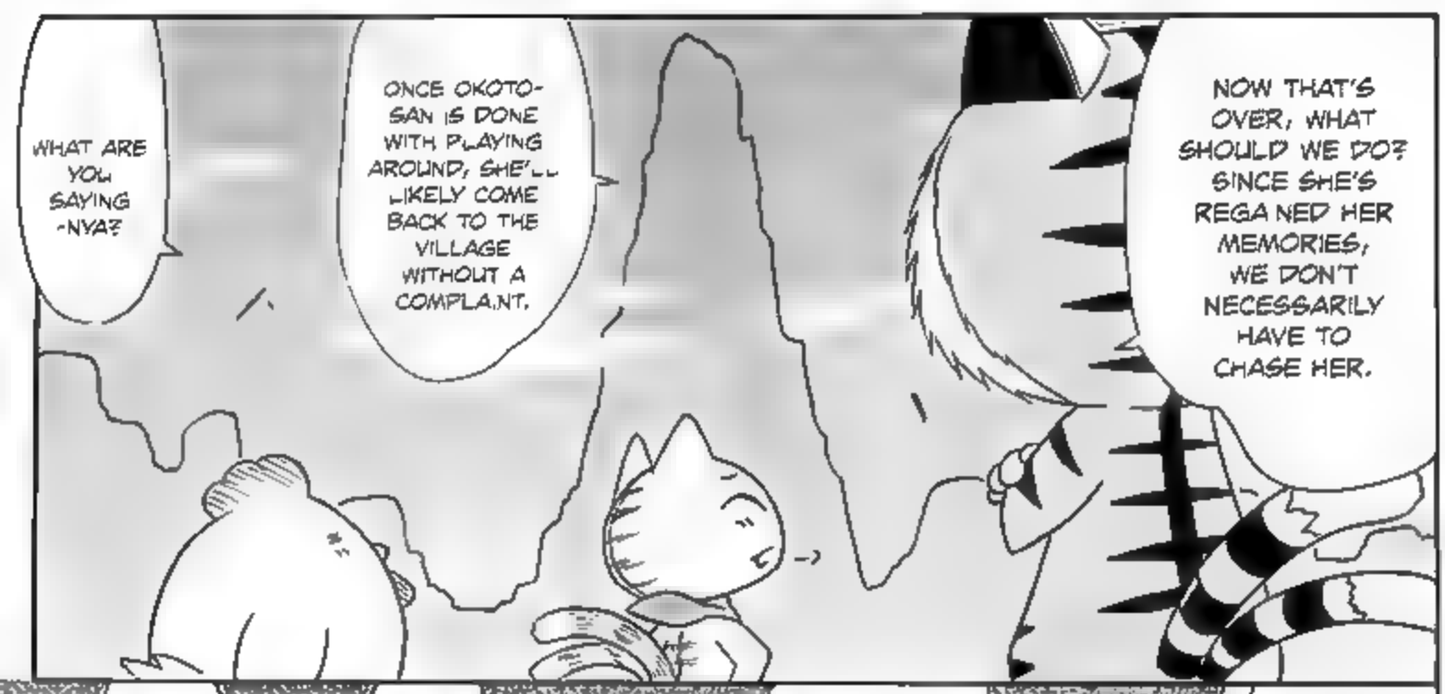
NAH, I'M SAYING THAT WE'VE MET EACH OTHER WAY BEFORE.
BE-CAUSE ...
HEH ...?
I WAS THE ONE WHO SAW THROUGH WITH YOUR BIRTH, YOU KNOW.
EEE HH!?

Eeh!? Obaba's bloodline has a heritage together with the Youkai!?
DASH
VERY MUCH -NYA.
...WELL, THERE'S ACTUALLY NOTHING SURPRISING ABOUT THAT.
IT MAKES ME RELIEVED TO KNOW WHY SHE'S LIVED FOR SO LONG AND LIVELY.
VERY MUCH -NYA
?
THEN. THAT JUST FIES WHY KIN-SAN LOOKS MUCH TOO YOUNG FOR HER AGE.
AND WHY MASAMUNE HAS EVEN LESS PRESENCE THAN A NINJA WOULD HAVE, ALLOW NG HIM TO BLEND IN.
THEY HAVE YOUKAI BLOOD N THEIR SYSTEM TO ALLOW THEM TO HAVE THOSE TRAITS.
DASH
Eek! The Lords 3 of them?
Did some thing happen?
EVEN THEN... WHY DID OBABA SUDDENLY REINCARNATE INTO A YOUKAI?
TRUTH TO BE TOLD... NONE OF THIS WAS SUDDEN -NYA.

SHE HAD BEEN LIV NG ON THE ISLAND FOR SO LONG, TAKING N SOME OF THE YOUKAI ENERGY FROM KA.RYUU-SAMA, SO HER YOUKAI BLOOD MAY HAVE AWAKENED THROUGH THAT -NYA.
EH? SINCE THAT LONG AGO.?
THE SIGNS OF OKOTO-SAN'S CHANGE OVER TO BE.NG A YOUKAI STARTED AROUND WHEN SHE HAD TURNED 100...
AND AS EACH TAIL GROWS, SHE BECOMES YOUNGER AND YOUNGER -NYA.
GROWING TAILS.. ? NOW THAT YOU SAY, THE NUMBER SHE HAD WAS...
NINE TAILS.
AAH... IS THAT WHY EVERY YEAR, SHE LEAVES THE V LLAGE FOR A WHILE...?
THAT'S RIGHT -NYA. AROUND THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, SHE TURNS INTO HER FOX FORM -NYA.

YES. IT'S THAT LEGENDARY YOUKAI... "THE NINE-TAIL FOX" -NYA.
SHE RE NCARNATES WITH N.NE TAILS... DOES THAT MEAN THAT OBABA'S ANCESTOR IS THAT EVER FAMOUS...
KAIRYUU-SAMA MAY HAVE SAVED OKOTO-SAN AND THE SH P BECAUSE HE HAD FELT THE N.NE-TAIL FOX ENERGY FROM HER AND FELT NOSTALGIC ABOUT IT -NYA.
Stop misbehav ing
hmph
YOU SAW THIS N VOL 10'S EXTRAS
BASED ON WHAT HAD BEEN TOLD ON THIS ISLAND, THE N.NE-TAIL FOX AND KAIRYUU-SAMA WERE OLD FRIENDS -NYA.
IT COULD BE THAT BECAUSE OF THE AGE REGRESSION BY REINCARNATION, OKOTO-SAN WAS NOT ABLE TO SORT HER MEMORIES WELL, THUS ALL OF IT WAS PLACED ASIDE -NYA. THUS, SHE ACTED LIKE AN ACTUAL CHILD?
IN THE END... WHAT IS THE MEANING OF HER DE-AGING?
STEP
STEP
STEP

GRR ...
THERE MUST BE A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOW MUCH MEMORY DENSITY HUMANS AND ANIMALS HAVE -NYA.
WE WERE ALRIGHT DURING OUR REINCARNATION, HOWEVER...


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING -NYA?
ONCE OKOTO-SAN IS DONE WITH PLAYING AROUND, SHE'LL LIKELY COME BACK TO THE VILLAGE WITHOUT A COMPLAINT.
NOW THAT'S OVER, WHAT SHOULD WE DO? SINCE SHE'S REGAINED HER MEMORIES, WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO CHASE HER.

YOU TWO ...
I concur ♡
HOW COULD WE EVER MISS OUT ON THAT -NYA ♡
OKOTO-SAN MUST BE PLANNING SOMETHING ENJOYABLE TO WATCH -NYA
SNICKER
SNICKER

SWOOOM
GU.
WOW, SO THIS IS MOUNT THUNDER.
I SEE NOW. BECAUSE IT LOOKS ALL TALL AND JAGGED, IT'S CALLED THAT.
OH WHAT A GREETING. WE'VE ALREADY MET EACH OTHER COUNTLESS TIMES.
Such as this time.
TO ASK, I'VE BEEN WONDER-ING... BUT WHO ARE YOU?
GU.
SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE FACED A LOT OF TROUBLE IN SUCH HIGH PLACES
SERIOUSLY THOUGH. . ALL THE TROUBLE-SOME FOLKS ON THIS ISLAND SURE LOVE HIGH PLACES...
Sigh

HMMM? I DON'T RECALL BEING ACQUAINTED WITH A WEIRD TOY-BIRD BEFORE.
PU
CLICK
WEIRD?
I PRESUME CLIMBING UP THIS MOUNTAIN WILL BE TIRING, SO LET ME HELP YOU. ♡
How dare you insult my cute shikigami
SWOOP
EH!? WHA!? GYAAA AH!!
...AND, NOW DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHO I AM?
YES. YOU ARE THE GREAT-YOUKAI SPECIALIST I MET BEFORE WHO LOOKS MUCH LIKE MACHI, YOUR DESCEN-DENT...

AND... I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU, YASHIRO-SAMA, SINCE YOU KNOW MUCH ABOUT YOUKAI...
WHAT IS IT?
LET'S SEE
I'M SURE BECAUSE THEY ARE SUCH BEAUTIES, SHE'S PLANNING TO DO SOMETHING BAD BY TAKING OVER THEM, OR THE LIKES?
HU!?
WHAT !?
WHY DID THAT FOX TAKE AWAY THOSE TWO?
I've heard that since old times, the Nine-tail Fox are rather mischievous if not evil Youkai. They would disguise themselves as beautiful ladies, marry into the royal family, only to destroy the country from the inside out!
SUCH AS DAJI OF CHINESE HISTORY, AND TAMAMO-NO-MAE OF JAPAN ..
ALTHOUGH YOU'VE ALWAYS DENIED THE EXISTANCE OF YOUKAI, YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT.
ON TOP OF THAT, FOR SOMEONE ACRO-PHOBIC, YOU CLIMB WELL.
GRAMPS TRAINED ME TO DEATH N ROCK CLIMB-ING.

That must mean that she plans to take over the whole island!!
CLIMB CLIMB CLIMB
PU~
That's why she took those two away! How dare you, you Nine-tailed Fox!!
.....
GETTING IN THE WAY OF OBABA-SAMA'S PRANKS IS NOT WORTH-WHILE.
SO FOR-GIVE ME N NOT HELPING YOU ♡
PU
OH! A SMALL HUT AT THE PEAK ...?
COULD THAT BE THE FOX'S HIDE-OUT.?

STEP
Good job in coming this far, oh Groom... no, Ikuto!!
TA
DAH
PU!
!!
WHAT?
OH
GRAGGLE
GRAGGLE
AAA AH!
AT LEAST WEAR SOME-THING UNDER-NEATH !!

20 MIN-UTES LATER
HOBBLE
HOBBLE
SE-SEEMS LIKE I'VE MADE YOU WAIT NINE-TAIL FOX. .
IT AMAZES ME THAT YOU'RE QUITE ALRIGHT, EVEN THOUGH YOU FELL QUITE FAR...
WHE... WHERE ARE THE TWO!?
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, THEY'RE OVER THERE.

SLUMP
!!
THEY SAT IN THE BATH FOR TOO LONG, SO THE'RE RESTING.
HE FELL AGAIN ..
AAAAH!!
SPLURT,
GRAGGLE GRAGGLE

AH... AGAIN, I'VE MADE YOU WAIT ...
YOU'VE REALLY GOT A LOT GOING ON, NEEDING TO GET SO BEATEN UP
Although I'm the one causing this

SWIVEL
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A SERIOUS FIGHT AGAINST LIL' GROOM...
SWIVEL
WELL THEN.
If I don't make up such a front, he wouldn't play along.
HEH. THEN TRY AND GET THEM BACK BY FORCE!
I-I don't know what you are planning... but I demand that you return those two back!!
HOP
Wha!?
Prove to me that you can entertain!!
SWOOSH SWOOSH SWOOSH

COME ON!
BASH
Wait! You have nine tails! This is unfair!!
BASH
ONE OF THE LADIES IS AN OUTSIDER OF THE ISLAND... AND SHE CALLS YOU "ONII-CHAN." WHAT RELATION DOES SHE HAVE WITH YOU?
As you can tell from how she calls me, she's my sister!!
A SISTER YOU SAY, BUT YOU AREN'T ALIKE AT ALL!
SWIPE
Of course, that's because we are not blood related... but we've been raised as if we are actual siblings!!
NIP

S-SLASH
Gah!
HOWEVER, MISAKI ON THE OTHER HAND DOESN'T SEEM TO THINK OF HIM AS ONLY A BROTHER ♡
I GET IT NOW... HE THINKS OF HER AS A SISTER... IF ANYTHING, THIS IS VERY MUCH LIKE HIM TO SAY SUCH...
Oh!
Dang her tails clearly outnumber my defenses
THROB
Nuh!?
This is it!!

SWOOSH
OH.
Now to go dual-wielding style!!
SLASH
Haaa ah!!
Hmph.
Ooh!
Some simple dual-wielding improv won't help...
SLASH

YAAH !!
JAB-JAB-JAB-JAB
Ooh !?
HAAH !!
SWISH
Whoops!
WOW... SO YOUR SPEED GOES UP WHEN YOU SWITCH OVER TO DUAL-WIELDING...
SO IT WAS NOT IMPROV AT ALL.
IT'S STILL SOME-THING I COPIED OFF FROM OBSERV-ING MY GRAMPS.
WOOSH
PEEK

BASH BASH BASH
ガガガガガッ
I SEE NOW -NYA. SO THE MAIN STYLE OF IKUTO-KUN'S HOUSEHOLD IS THE DUAL-WIELDING STYLE -NYA.
I RECALL SHINOBU-KUN TALKING ABOUT HOW IKUTO-KUN OFTEN MENTIONED BEING BEATEN BY HIS GRAND-FATHER'S SWORDS...
The reverse grip on the left hand is rather unusual, and must be out of copying his grandfather.
HMPH. NEXT TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THIS KIND OF FIGHT...
FIDGET FIDGET
Ever since coming to this island, I've become stronger than before!
Good... this is going better than when I was back in Japan!
WHEN CORNERED, YOU FIGHT BACK JUST AS STRONG...
FU FU FU... AS EXPECTED, YOU ARE AN INTER-ESTING ONE, GROOM...

If this is the case, I'll just have to corner you more ♡
I DIDN'T THINK THIS WOULD EVER BE THE CASE, BUT AS EXPECTED, HE IS OF THAT TOUHOUIN BLOODLINE ...
HAAH !!
Wha!? She split!?
And she became smaller...?
SPLIT
OH.
EH!?
SHIT
PU IS

But, both of these girls have too much weight in front that it makes moving hard.
Ooh, It feels good to be in a young body ♡
STAND
にゅっ
STAND
にゅっ
What!? She took over their bodies!?
WAIT, WHAT!?
Oh, you three were here?
LET'S LEAVE THEM IN THE CARE OF THE LORD OF THE NORTH, SHALL WE?
I WONDER HOW IT'LL BE LIKE TO SEE HER RETURN TO THE VILLAGE LIKE THIS -NYA...
...SERIOUSLY, AS USUAL, SHE'S LIKE AN ILL-NATURED HUMAN BEING WHO JUST ATTAINED SOME MAGNIFICENT POWERS...
TO BE CONTINUED!